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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Natural Resources - Electronic System for Transactions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to implement a
4 certain electronic system for the sale and issuance of licenses, permits, and
5 registrations and the recording and releasing of certain security interests;
6 requiring the Department to develop the system consistent with the statewide
7 information technology master plan; authorizing the Department to adopt
8 certain regulations; and generally relating to the implementation of an
9 electronic system for transactions by the Department of Natural Resources.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Natural Resources

12 Section 1-403

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Natural Resources**

18 1-403.

19 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE, THE
20 DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR THE
21 SALE AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND REGISTRATIONS AND THE
22 RECORDING AND RELEASING OF SECURITY INTERESTS.

1 (B) THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR:

2 (1) RECORDING TITLING AND REGISTRATION DATA;

3 (2) RECORDING AND RELEASING LIENS WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OF A
4 SECURITY INTEREST FILING; AND

5 (3) RECORDING INFORMATION RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A
6 LICENSE, PERMIT, OR REGISTRATION.

7 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM
8 CONSISTENT WITH THE STATEWIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MASTER PLAN
9 DEVELOPED UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
10 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

11 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO:

12 (1) IMPLEMENT THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
13 SECTION; AND

14 (2) DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE FEE ~~LEVEL~~ LEVELS THAT MAY BE
15 CHARGED BY A VENDOR AND BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ELECTRONIC
16 TRANSMISSION SERVICE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 ~~October~~ July 1, 2004.